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The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/000396, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) was been filed concurrently with the present application when entering the National Stage, and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-129345 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-153724 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 53-077871 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 55-162331 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-253926 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-15058 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-253452 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof, and along with English language family member European Patent Publication No. EP 0 798 143 A1;
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 01-296000 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-262629 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and
- (10) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 51-148675 A, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

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Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-211427 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (12) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-009957 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (13) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-259798 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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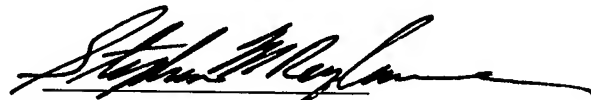
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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